

Remarks

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 25, 2002 has been received and reviewed. The Notice stated that applicant had not complied with the new rules since the Response did not include a marked-up version of the amended claims. Apparently, a mistake has occurred.

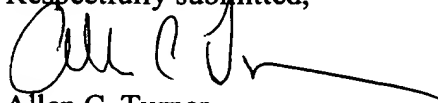
Applicant would respectfully point out that no amendments were made to particular claims. The only amendments to the application were:

- a) cancelling non-elected claims 1-14 and 26-30 without prejudice or disclaimer, and
- b) adding new claims 34 through 50.

Accordingly, no marked-up version of the claims was required. A clean set of all pending claims was presented for the convenience of the Office as has been requested by various examiners and as is specifically provided for in the "Changes to the Patent Rules" informational flyer accompanying the Notice. As further provided in the accompanying informational flyer, "No marked-up version will be required to accompany the clean version where no changes other than the consolidation are being made." Reconsideration is thus respectfully requested.

If applicant is somehow misinterpreting the new rules, please consider this document as the response to the restriction requirement. Applicant elects, without traverse, the invention of Group V. Applicant has accordingly canceled the non-elected claims, and presented new claims 34 through 50 (dependent on the elected claims) claiming particular embodiments of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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